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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN CASE 05-1002725 ON SAAB AVITRONICS  
PARTICIPATION IN PORTUGUESE NAVY SUBMARINE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 131525

Embassy Officer met with Portuguese Navy officials to solicit further information regarding Portugal's submarine program per refotel request. Navy officers confirmed that Howaldswerke Deutsche-Werfte AG (HDW) is building the Portuguese type 209PN submarines. Furthermore, the Portuguese submarine contract specifies that South African-owned Saab Avitronics will manufacture the electronic support measure suite to HDW.  
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